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Who can resist an adorable Beagle puppy? If you adopt one from a breeder, you can bring him home when he's 8 weeks old. See Chapter 4.



Not only do Beagles bark, they howl. You can minimize these canine concerts by keeping her entertained with toys or activities. See Chapter 16.A

Snoopy-dog's sniffer can lead him to mischief. Keep your sense of humor, and you and your pet will get along beautifully. See Chapter 17.





Beagles are inquisitive little dogs. Their looks, intelligence, and playfulness make them one of the most popular dog breeds. See Chapter 1.



Beagles have one of the best senses of smell of any dog breed. They instinctively track a scent, no matter what. See Chapter 2. Kids and Beagles can be a

perfect match. Beagles are just the right size to romp with youngsters without worrying about whether one may hurt the other one. See Chapter 6.





Just like you, Beagles need time to rest, especially as they grow older. See Chapter 12.

Training to compete in agility trials gives your Beagle a good workout and allows the two of you to bond. See Chapter 9. A Beagle works at getting treats out of a plastic ball. If your Beagle suffers from separation anxiety, keep him occupied with one of these toys when you leave. See Chapter 16.



Beagles are happiest when they're getting lots of love and attention from people. That makes them well suited to visit people in hospitals or nursing homes. See Chapter 2.



Beagles were bred in the 1500s to hunt rabbits. Today their keen sense of smell is used to detect termites and mold in houses. See Chapter 19. After a

full day of activities with you and your family, your Snoopy-dog will be worn out. A tired Beagle is a happy Beagle! See Chapter 7.





Dog shows measure how well a Beagle conforms to the standard of his breed. See Chapter 9.

If you and your Snoopy-dog spend a lot of time outdoors, make sure to check her for fleas and ticks. See Chapter 10.





You need a lot of time and patience to train a Beagle to behave and perform tricks, but the results are worth the effort. See Chapter 15. Beagles like to explore every nook and cranny they find. You'll want to Beagle-proof your house and yard before you bring your little hound home. See Chapter 5.

Beagle pups need three meals a day to help them grow up healthy. As dogs get older, they just need breakfast and dinner. See Chapter 7. Your Beagle needs annual checkups with her veterinarian to keep her in tip-top shape. See Chapter 11.





Because Beagles have short coats, they only need a bath about once a month — unless they find something dirty or smelly to roll around in. See Chapter 10.







Choosing a Beagle takes time and thought. You have to decide whether you want a pup or an adult, a male or a female, one dog or two. See Chapter 4.

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Dedication

For Beagles everywhere

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